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**Subject:** Database of Airline Travel Passenger Info

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Dear CDC: Until such time as the citizens of the United States have more reason to trust the intentions of our government, no further personal data should be gathered or maintained. We have recently seen documented evidence of the abuse of unfettered access to private information perpetrated under the guise of fighting terrorism. The policies and the technologies that begin with an intention to protect the public and the tools to achieve this goal, slide down a slippery slope in the dark and become something else entirely.

I, originally a huge proponent of evidence based medicine and intelligent epidemiology, have lost all faith in the integrity of my government. I am deeply suspicious of the use to which any such database as the one you propose to create - airline traveler demographics - would ultimately be put. While the CDC might indeed use the information it gathers appropriately, I will guarantee you that the CIA and the FBI will not.

As a nation, we need to have the public discussion, not about what we are able to do, but what we should be doing. We have the technology to do almost anything, what we lack is the wisdom to know how to use that technology ethically and compassionately. Until such time as we can again trust our government to see itself as our servant and not as our master, I vote "NO" to any project such as the one for which you are soliciting opinion.

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